

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciatively note that claims 11 – 12 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, claim 11 has been rewritten in the independent form to include all of the limitations recited in claim 10, and claim 10 has been cancelled. Accordingly, Claims 11, 12 and 14 -18 remain pending in the application.

Claims 10, 11, 12 and 18 are objected to because of the informalities. In response, claim 10 has cancelled, and claims 11, 12 and 18 has been amended to correct the informalities. Accordingly, the objection to claims 10, 11, 12 and 18 are respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

Claims 10 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Beadle.

In response, claim 10 has been cancelled. Thus, the rejection of claim 10 is now moot.

Claim 18 is dependent on allowable claim 11 and recites additional, important limitations. Thus, claim 18 should be patentable for the reasons with respect to claim 11 as well as on its own merits. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 11 should be withdrawn.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that

effect is earnestly solicited.

Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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